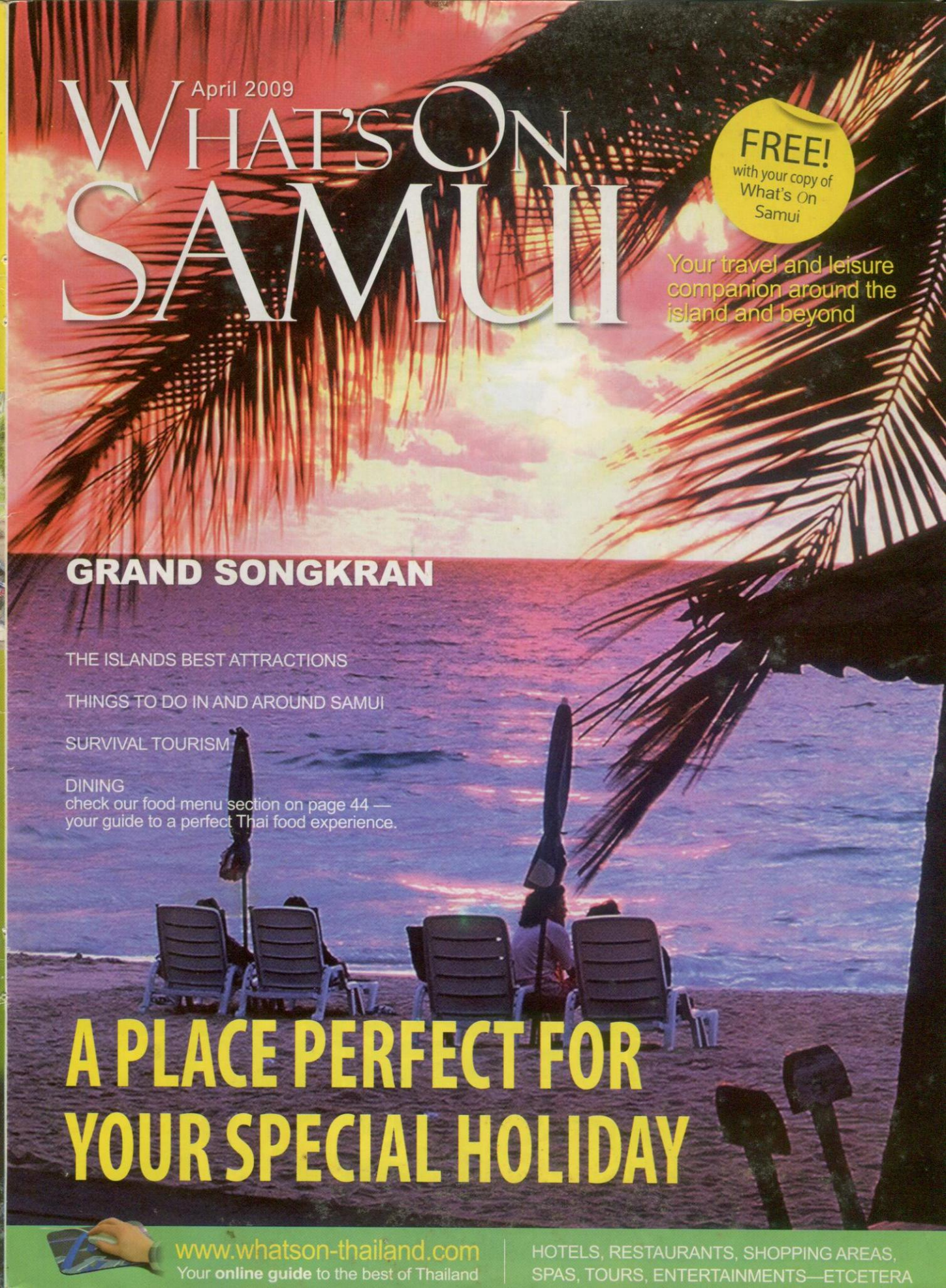


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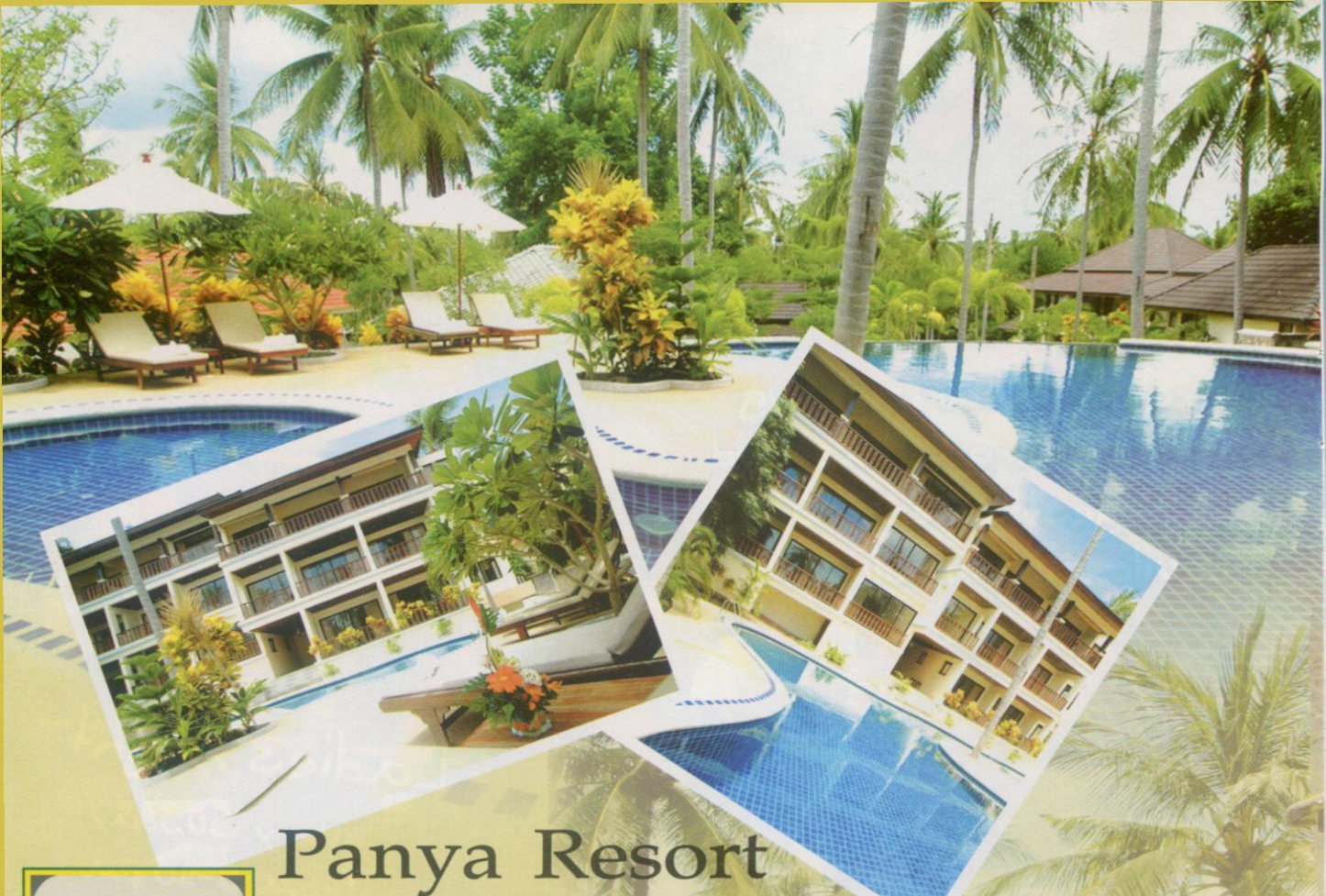
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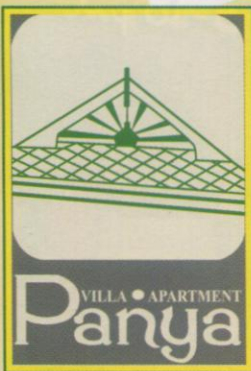
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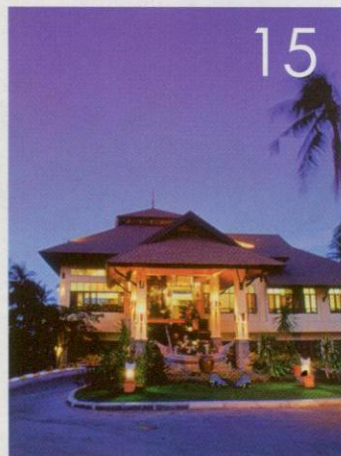
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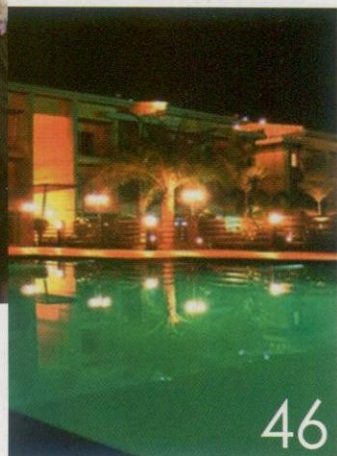
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Koh Samui is Thailand's third largest island at 247 square kilometres, and during the last decade it has become one of Southeast Asia's premier tourist destinations.

Ko Samui sits snugly in the Gulf of Thailand, surrounded by other island gems like Ko Pha-ngan and Ko Tao, and is located 84 km. east of Surat Thani, the provincial capital on the mainland. With soft-sand beaches shaded by towering palms, delicious fresh seafood and a vibrant nightlife, Samui has a magical formula that seems to cast its spell on everyone.

Many visitors are content to laze the days away on the beach, soaking up the sun and cooling off in the turquoise waters, but for action enthusiasts there are plenty of choices. Diving and snorkelling, windsurfing and paragliding, beach

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One of the island's most appealing features is its loop road, which makes a 50 km. circuit around the island, giving tantalizing glimpses of superb beaches on the north, east and west coasts.

It runs past sleepy fishing villages and through seas of coconut palms, passing Samui's most impressive waterfall and tempting turn-offs into the highlands along the way. Other attractions on or near the road include a butterfly farm, a snake show, a monkey-training centre, and health spas dedicated to pampering the body.

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AIR-conditioned car taxis are in yellow. Most have meters but, though frowned upon by law, most taxi drivers insist on a negotiated fare. So settle on a price before hiring the cab.

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CAR rental is widely available on the island. Rates start from Bt1,200 per day, depending on the type and condition of the vehicle. Some of these vehicles come with insurance, but the coverage is limited. Ask for the details.

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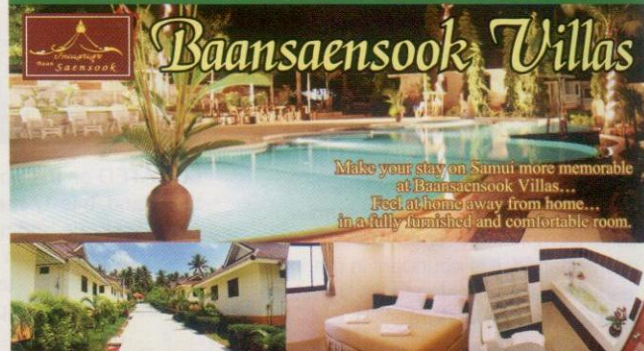
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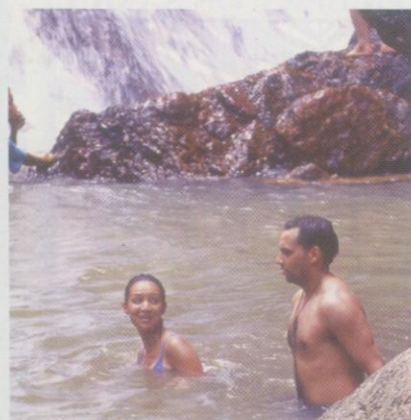


LOCATED 20 km northwest of Koh Samui, the Ang Thong Islands National Marine Park is popular for its fascinating beaches, caves and coral formations. Comprising over 40 islands, some oddly shaped, it is abundant in marine resources and stunning for its limestone cliffs and hidden lagoons.

The largest island in the group is Wua Ta Lap, site of the park office and the Tham Bua Bok cave, visited for its spectacular stalactites and stalagmites. Another popular island in the group, Mae Ko, is known for its pristine beach and emerald saltwater lake.

The national park does not allow a night stay. And one has to join a tour group to visit the place.

NA MUANG WATERFALLS



A SHORT drive from Nathon Town will bring you to the first of a pair of waterfalls. The first cascade, almost 20 meters high, can be reached by car up an unpaved road. The second, the tallest at 80 meters, can be reached through a half-hour uphill trek.

THE BIG BUDDHA



LOCATED on the northern coast of the island, this 17-meter-tall statue is a popular shrine and meditation center. The gaudy bazaar within the temple grounds offers souvenirs – everything from T-shirts and hats to protective amulets.

BUDDHA FOOTPRINTS



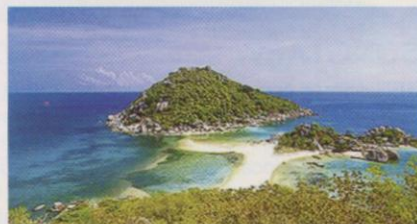
ANOTHER revered site on the island, the Buddha Footprints is a bit tough to reach. There are no big signs posted and so finding this attraction will be part of the adventure. Take Route 4170 and turn to the road leading to the Butterfly Garden. Go up the concrete slope on the left. The Buddha Footprints are on a hilltop shrine which you can reach after negotiating a total of 163 steps. You should find four footprints engraved one on top of the other. The view up there is breathtaking.

PICTURESQUE KOH PHA-NGAN

JUST 20 km. north of Koh Samui and a short boat trip away, Koh Pha-ngan is a mountainous island ringed by 18 secluded bays that offer ideal getaways.

Many of its beautiful beaches are accessible only by boat, though pick-up trucks and motorbikes also ply the island's rough roads. Its most famous beach is Hat Rin, in the southwest corner of the island, which is the location for the world-famous full moon parties.

KOH NANG YUAN

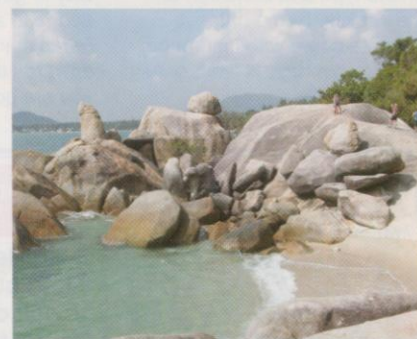


A GROUP of three little virgin islands, Koh Nang Yuan is close to the northern side of Koh Tao. The three islands are joined together by a three-way stretch of pure white beach. The waters around it offers excellent diving and snorkeling because of their wide variety of coral formations and marine fauna. Accommodation and facilities are available on the island group. A daily boat service from Koh Tao is available.

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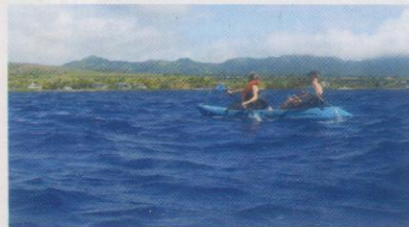
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TRIVIA: Koh Taen, according to the locals, never had a dog, since canines can not survive here. This phenomenon was later explained as due to the unusual sound waves produced by the bats when they leave the islands caves and roam at night. The waves make the dogs sick, and eventually die.

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Koh Samui, Thailand's third biggest island, is the ideal tourist destination with its tranquil atmosphere and miles of white sand beaches fringed by palm trees.

Two of the most well known beaches in Samui are Chaweng and Lamai. There are others, like Bo Phut, Maenam and Big Buddha, which are off the beaten path, although they are preferred by those who want to avoid the crowd.

CHAWENG BEACH is located on the eastern coast of the island with a coastline that is about six kilometers long. The waters are clear and suitable for windsurfing, parasailing, snorkeling, and other watersports.

Parallel to the coast is Chaweng Beach Road where many resorts, bars and restaurants are situated. It is also here where the shopping, entertainment and nightlife districts are located.

LAMAI is Samui's second largest beach. The waters are calmer and the coast is marked by granite boulders that jut out to the sea. This is an excellent spot for fishing. Also within the vicinity are the Hin Ta and Hin Yai rocks, one of the island's top natural attractions.

MAENAM is best for those seeking solitude, since it is smaller and less touristy, while Bophut offers the best sunset view on the island.

BIG BUDDHA in the northern coast facing Koh Pha-Ngan is quite secluded, making it the perfect hide-away.

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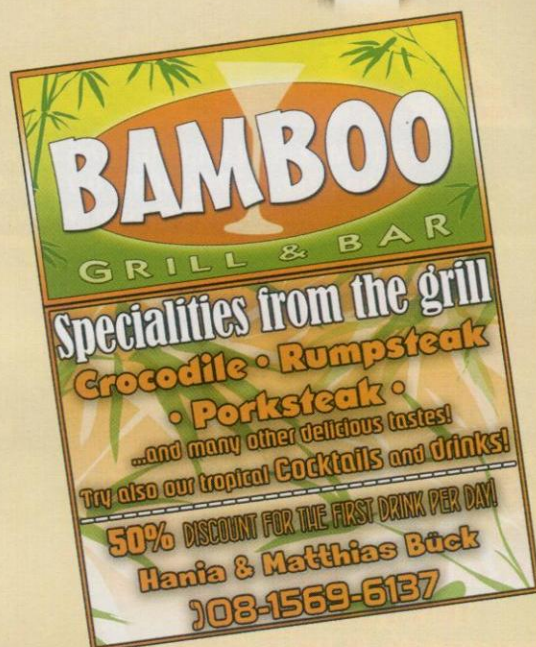
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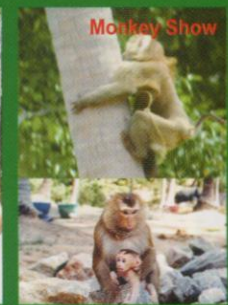
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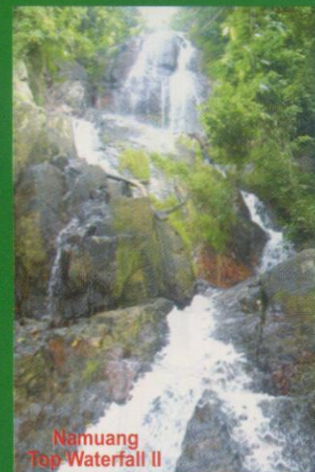
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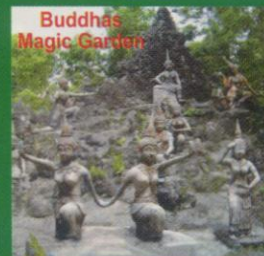
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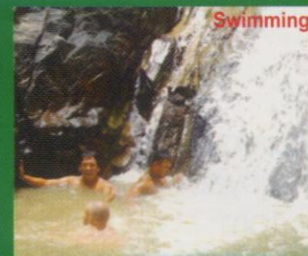
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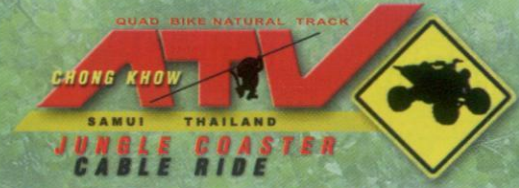
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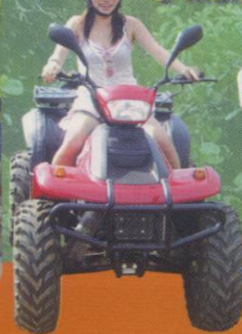
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Songkran delicacy

The Thais eat something special during Songkran -- in fact for the whole hot summer. They call it khao chae.

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The rice is first half-cooked and the grains separated before being placed under running water to remove excess starch. It is then set aside in a container filled with water made fragrant by a chammanad flower and a scented candle. Afterwards,

the rice is wrapped in cheesecloth and steamed over boiling water.

Before being served in a bowl, it is topped with crushed ice. Khao chae is usually accompanied by a number of side dishes.

Among them are fried and seasoned meat balls, fermented shrimp paste balls, deep fried shallots stuffed with fish and slivers of krachai (an aromatic rhizome),

shredded salted beef with palm sugar, Chinese radish fried with egg, salted fish, shredded Chinese parsnip with raw mango, cucumber, white ginger and spring onions, and chili peppers stuffed with seasoned minced pork and wrapped in thin sheets of fried egg white.

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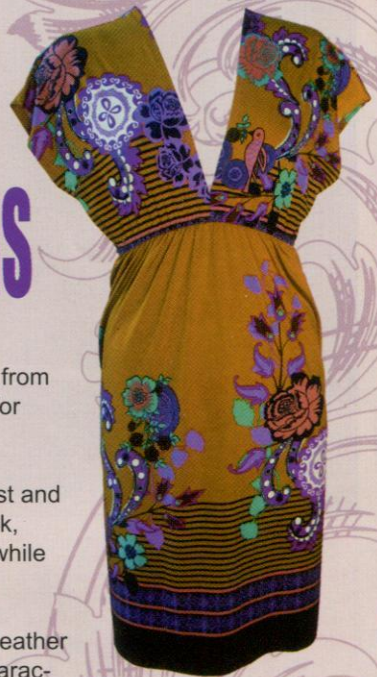
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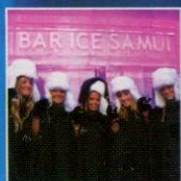
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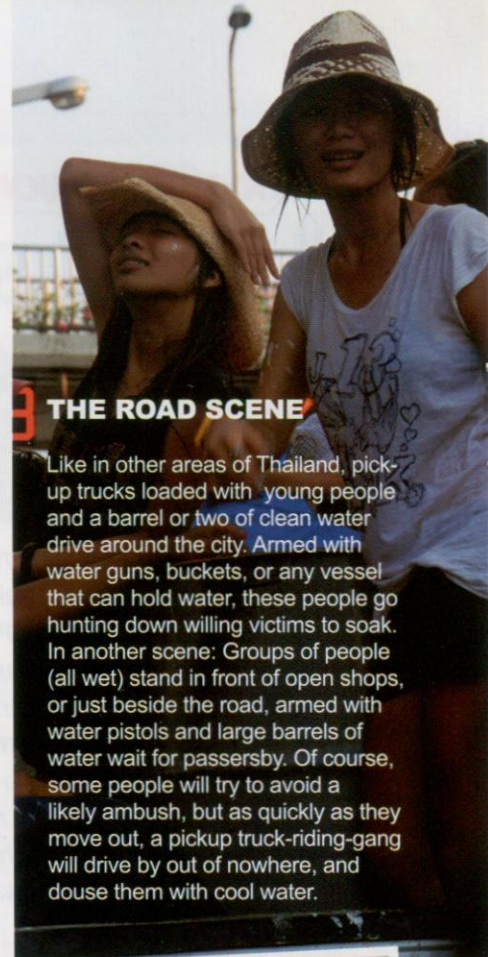
During this time of the year, families gather in their hometowns and make merit together. By doing so, they mark the end of the old year and welcome the incoming one. The word Songkran actually means "to move" or "change places." The three official days of the festival represent the last day of the old year, the transition day and the first day of the New Year.

On the first day, people "send off" the past year by holding several activities. Houses are cleaned thoroughly, while Buddha images and statues are bathed in scented water. Parades are staged in every town and Buddha images are carried to temples.

The second day sees families making merit with monks in the morning and ushering the arrival of the new year in the evening by splashing scented water on each other. It is believed the water will help remove bad luck. But today, this practice has evolved into a spirited competition of throwing huge amounts of water at one another.

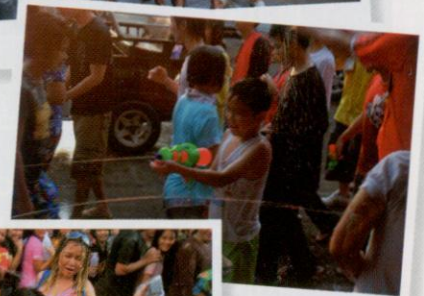
On the last day, people pay homage to ancestors, seek forgiveness and blessings from elders by sprinkling water on them.

Tourists should expect to be targeted by children and teens on the sidewalks, all of whom are armed with water guns and drums of water. Others hide in trucks and pick ups and are waiting to dump buckets of water to the unsuspecting. Take everything in stride and try to participate in the water throwing itself. Best of all, have fun.



THE ROAD SCENE

Like in other areas of Thailand, pickup trucks loaded with young people and a barrel or two of clean water drive around the city. Armed with water guns, buckets, or any vessel that can hold water, these people go hunting down willing victims to soak. In another scene: Groups of people (all wet) stand in front of open shops, or just beside the road, armed with water pistols and large barrels of water wait for passersby. Of course, some people will try to avoid a likely ambush, but as quickly as they move out, a pickup truck-riding-gang will drive by out of nowhere, and douse them with cool water.



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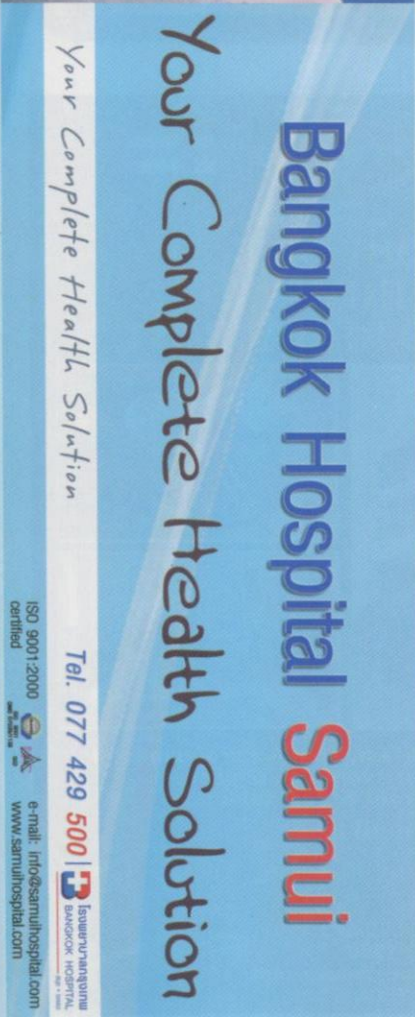
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Upon entering Koh Samui's newest and most unique attraction you could be forgiven for believing you will be sharing warming laughs and vodkas with polar bears or Eskimos. Bar Ice Samui, the world's first tropical island minus seven degree ice bar opened its doors on 15th March 2008, and already the icy temperatures have made it one of Samui's hottest attractions.

However, as the management is keen to stress, Bar Ice Samui is not just about ice. With three distinctive areas it is assured the discerning can freeze, chill or warm with the coolest vibe in town.

Located by the side of Chaweng Lake, customers are welcomed in to a glittering star-walled, air conditioned main bar area – a welcome retreat from those humid Samui nights - with its relaxed atmosphere and friendly staff it's the perfect place to chill with friends and enjoy all your favorite drinks and sounds. Adjacent to the main bar and the Ice Bar there is a cozy landscaped garden area where you can share an intimate moment warming under the Samui stars.

The management is keen to promote Bar Ice Samui as a truly unique experience and not just another bar. "First and foremost we want people to have fun and enjoy themselves. People get excited when they are putting on the warm capes and furry hats and gloves. Drinking from ice glasses is something that most people haven't done, and for the Thai locals just to experience below zero temperatures is probably a once in a lifetime opportunity. We like to offer the visitor something different," says one of the management team members. As well as creating their own flavored vodka (some of which are out of this world) plans are in motion to introduce an outdoor bar where



customers can, amongst other things, enjoy their favorite cocktails served in - you guessed it- their very own ice glass.

The three areas are likely to appeal to everyone. There is a small cover charge to enter the Ice Bar but the other areas are free to enter. Customers are welcome in to get away from the heat or to escape the hustle and bustle of Chaweng. Currently there is a special promotion for Samui residents if they show their work permits or resident cards and for the month of May any hotel staff wearing their hotel name badge will get free entry into the Ice Bar.

So how did this project come to fruition? We spoke to Scott Davis one of the partners involved for an insight into this intriguing venue.

Bar Ice Samui is owned by several British and Thai entrepreneurs who reside on Koh Samui, Dubai and the UK. As Scott explains, "Many months were spent searching for the right location and even longer to find suppliers, products and materials suitable for this project. What you see today is the result of a truly international effort. Crucial elements were sourced from several countries including Canada, UK, UAE, China, Germany, Italy and of course Thailand. The dream was to create and be able to maintain the world's best ice bar," Scott explains. Although the concept of the ice bar is not new it is the only ice bar located on a tropical island, and it is also the only ice bar to be themed. "We wanted to create the complete

experience of part ice bar, part museum. Much emphasis was also placed on lighting and thanks to lighting designers in the UK our customers are treated to magical lighting scenarios, colour changes and moods."

Scott is quick to give credit to the many people involved in making the whole thing possible. "Obviously to create something like this you need good people working alongside you. There is so much that can go wrong particularly when importing from so many different countries, "a lot of pressure was placed on all our sub contractors. Being on a small island, finding the support and infrastructure for such a project is extremely challenging. Importing forty tons of ice all the way from Canada to Thailand had never been done before. Doing something different leads you into unknown territory and can often lead to delays; but all our sub contractors performed superbly, and we actually opened on schedule, despite the global logistical challenges."

Today, Bar Ice Samui is considered one of the finest examples of them all. Stunning examples of Thai culture are everywhere beautifully sculpted from pure ice.

So if you are living in Samui or just visiting one thing is for sure, this is an attraction that should not be missed. Good times and lasting memories are guaranteed, and if you're really clever you can even take home your ice glass as a souvenir. Be sure and visit their website at www.baricesamui.com too. -- R. GREER



A sauna in a bamboo forest

FATIGUED bodies yearn for rest, and there is no better way to replenish depleted energy than having a sauna and massage.

Maenam Sauna Bamboo Forest, the latest addition to the numerous and diverse sauna and massage establishments that line up Maenam Beach Road is such good place to have that rejuvenating body treatment.

The bamboo-themed surroundings are already relaxing enough. From the outer bamboo walls to the various massage and sauna areas where different kinds of bamboo

plants have sprouted, the place exudes the aura of a bamboo kingdom.

Korean owners Alex Kim and Danny Yoon explain that they have a special liking for bamboos in the same way they do for sauna and massage.

"I call it (our place) a sauna in a bamboo forest," says the 33-year-old Kim.

Opened only on the first week of this month, Maenam Sauna offers very reasonable prices for services (Bt180 for steam and dry sauna and Bt350 for four kinds of salt scrub and four kinds of cream scrub, a Korean-style scrub, and five kinds of oil massage).

You can also have the traditional Thai massage for Bt200 and a foot massage for Bt250.

"I have very reasonable prices for our services because I want everybody to be able to have a massage here," Yoon says.

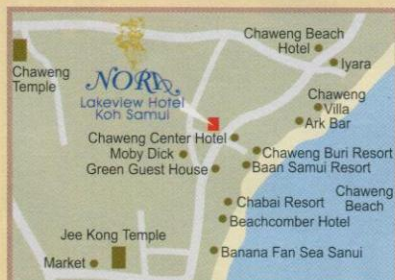
Maenam Sauna also has a waterfall swimming pool bath, a resting area where you can sit and relax or even nap, and a pond spiced with eight kinds of health-giving herbs where you can dip your feet.

Guests can have a foot walk massage around the water pond, which is included in the Bt180 regular price.

Maenam Sauna is a good place to have an ice-cold beer at night, too. Located at Soi 1 Maenam Beach, it is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. 077-332381. — **PATRICK ROXAS**



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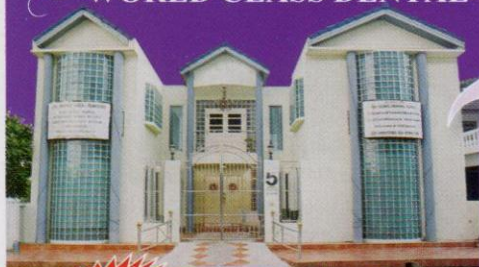


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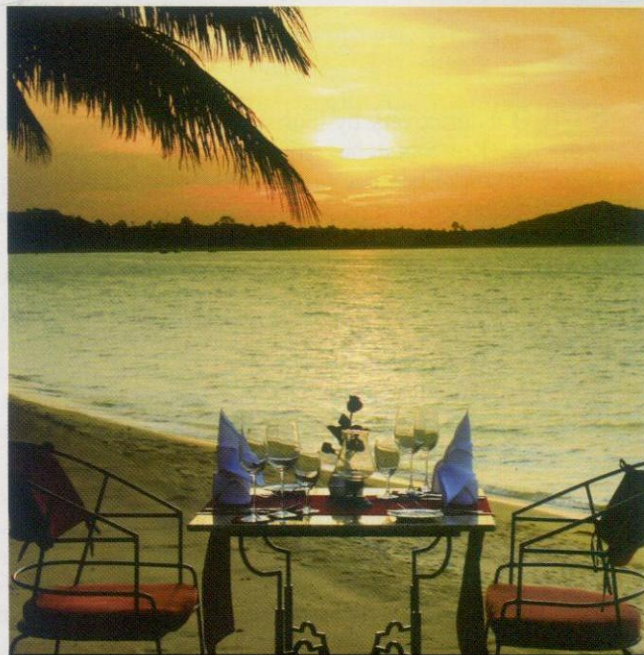
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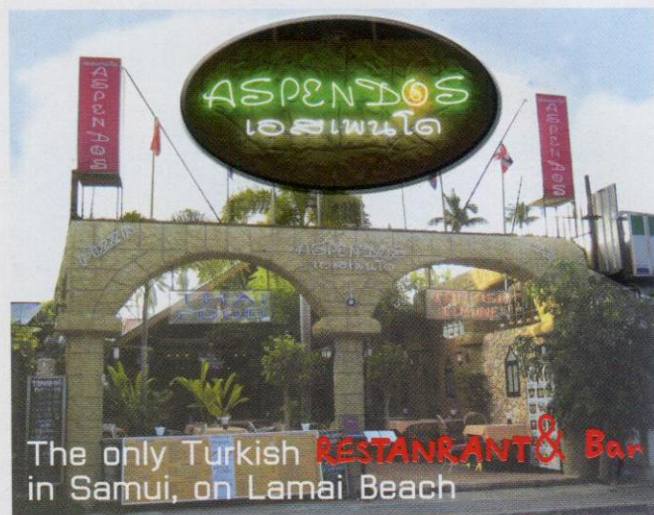
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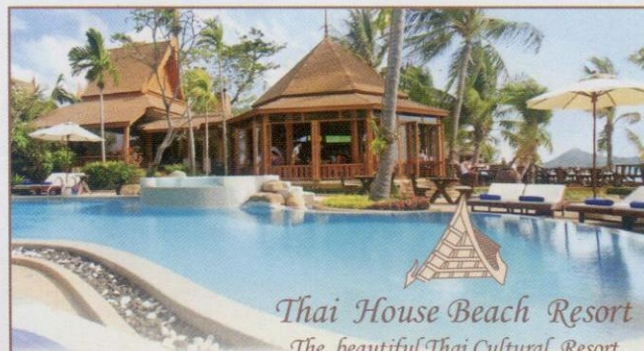
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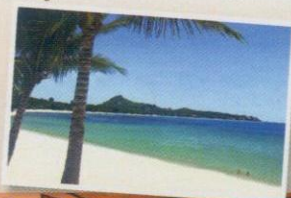
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Since its discovery by tourists in the 70s, Koh Samui has enjoyed the reputation of being a quintessential tropical paradise. Many agree that it is the perfect place to unwind and laze away.

Besides the coconut fringed beaches, the herbal saunas, and the massage centers, Samui offers some of the best activities for tourists, including scuba diving.

Indeed, Koh Samui is a great base to earn your open-water scuba certification, though the island isn't particularly recommended for veterans planning a diving holiday. It does have some patches of nice

coral reefs, but other islands in the area offer more.

Underwater visibility and coral cover off the western and northern sides of Samui are reduced by sediments from coastal runoff.

The east coast, off Chaweng and Lamai for example, is better. This is a suitable site for instructions for shore-based night dives. But local operators go farther afield for dive cruises.

Koh Pangan, only an hour by boat from Samui, has some good reefs for snorkeling. The northernmost islands of Ang Thong offer some good diving though visibility may be uncertain

due to run-off sediments from the large river to the west.

One popular daytrip destination from Samui is Hin Bai, or Sail Rock, a rock pinnacle about eight miles north of Koh Pha-Ngan and 11 miles southeast of Koh Tao. Here, visibility is often good and the aquatic life interesting.

But Koh Tao probably offers the best dive in the Gulf. Located about 41 miles off Samui, (some four-hour run north of Samui), Koh Tao's underwater is exceptionally clear due to the favorable conditions provided by the gulf for coral growth.

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Bai ma-krut or kaffir lime leaf is known for its blood-purifying properties, including lowering high blood pressure. Ta-khai or lemon grass is known for its digestive qualities, as it discards gas and destroys bacteria. Hom daeng or red onion and mango are anti-oxidants and known for their Vitamin C content. Kha or galanga



Tom yam for good health

ginger also helps in digestion.

Even the tiny, spicy chilies have cancer-preventing properties. The institute had earlier studied 10 types of chilli paste and found that at least four of them help to reduce cell mutation which often lead to cancer.

Thus the tom yam khung soup effectively helps to prevent tumours in the digestive tract much more effectively than other anti-oxidants, including vitamin precursor Betacarotene and Vitamin C.

A study shows Thailand's popular soup helps prevent cancer


The study also revealed that galanga- ginger, lemon grass, kaffir-lime leaves, which

are important ingredients of the soup, are all effective in inhibiting tumors.

Bergamottin, found in kaffir lime leaves, is three times more effective than betacarotene, and humulene in lemon grass is 30 times more potent.

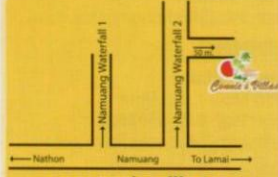
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**PG906(717)	1325	1620	Daily

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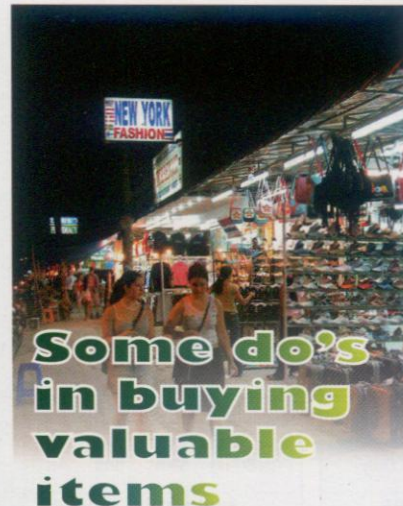
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Shopping is a real adventure in Thailand. It is exciting as you'll find most items cheap compared to those in many other places in the region.

But here's the phrase to keep in mind -- caveat emptor. Let the buyer beware, especially when buying at night markets, roadside stalls and other bargain-hunting places.

The Thais are generally warm, friendly and honest. Yet the country has its share of unscrupulous merchants who pass off genuine-looking imitations as real McCoy's. It would be a tragedy indeed if you end paying a premium for an expensive-looking rubbish.

So here are a few do's to remember:

DO be aware of fakes.

A good number of Asian countries are known for piracy and imitation of branded products. Thailand, unfortunately, is one of them. Here, some imitation watches, shirts, shoes, among other items, look more genuine than the real things. So, if you want the genuine ones, buy only from reputable stores and shops which, more often than not, also offer proof of value and money-back guarantee. The same goes when buying gems and jewelry.

DO know that looks can be deceiving

Handicrafts and porcelains in some so-called "antique" shops may look ancient and dateless. But, for all you know, they could have been buried in chemicals and tampered with to make them look centuries old.

So, demand for proof of authenticity. If it's a real McCoy, surely the store can provide certificates, proofs or any kinds of papers from the Department of Fine Arts or from any other authentication agency. Also, do remember that the older the item is, the simpler its materials should be. Examine the piece thoroughly. If the seller seems concerned that you are scrutinizing too much, chances are the merchandise is a fake.

DO remember that quality has a high price

If you are buying any high-quality merchandise, be aware that it comes with a price. Unbelievably low priced-items that sellers claim to be of high quality should make you think twice. Especially for unwary foreigners, prices are sometimes doubled -- even tripled -- so do bargain in places where you can. Sometimes, it's even better to buy from big department stores than at local shops for valuable items like electronics, watches, perfumes, jewelry. And it really won't help much to take a local friend on a bargain-hunting trip -- unless you yourself can be mistaken for a local. **z.lo**

Some useful words and expressions

What time do the stores open? -- **pok-kati raankha perd ki mong**

May I see that? -- **khaw pom/chan dou anh nanh**

Do you have other colors? -- **si uen mi mai**

How much is it altogether? -- **ruam-kanh thang-mod thao rai**

I'll buy it if it's cheaper -- **phom/chan chah sue tha lod dai ik**

Is it color fast? -- **si tok mai**

Do you have it in red? -- **si daeng mi mai**

Very expensive. -- **Phaeng maak**

Bag for travelling -- **krapaow derntaang**

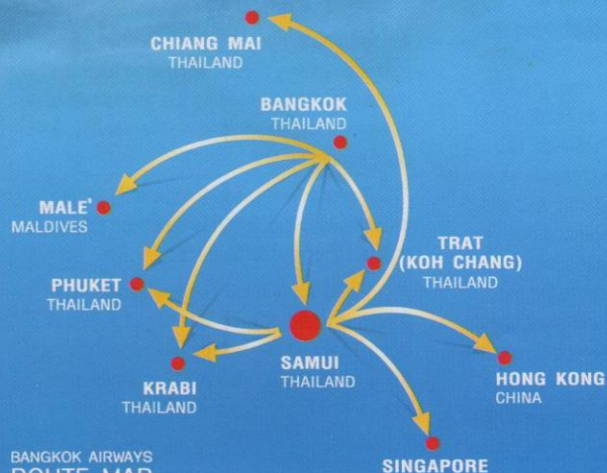
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Religious Places

Things to observe when entering a religious place: Some special sections in Thai law concern religious offenses. These cover Buddhism and other faiths represented in the kingdom. Here are some reminders:

- Dress politely; don't go shirtless or wear immodest attire.
- Don't wear shoes inside the chapel of any Buddhist temple.
- Buddhist monks are forbidden to touch or be touched by a woman.
- All Buddha images, large or small, ruined or not, are regarded as sacred objects.
- In a mosque, men should wear hats, while women should wear slacks or long skirts, a long-sleeved blouse buttoned to the neck, and a scarf over the hair.

Shoes should be removed before entering. ■



Social Norms

Thais don't normally shake hands when they greet one another, but instead press the palms together in a prayer-like gesture called a wai. In greeting, Thais will say Sawadee Krap if a male or Sawadee Kha if female simultaneously with the wai. This is also used for saying goodbye. When saying "thank you" they will sometimes perform the wai with or without saying Kob Khun. The younger, or the lower-ranking person, should be the one to make the wai first. ■



Other Dos and don'ts

- Thais believe the head is the most sacred part of the body. Thus, refrain from touching the head.
- The feet are considered the lowest part of the body; don't rest your feet, or put your shoes, on a table and don't point your feet to anyone's direction.
- Thais have their highest regard about their

religion, so don't wear immodest attire at a temple, don't climb Buddha images, and always remove your shoes before entering a temple.

- Displays of affection between sexes in public places are a no-no. Don't sunbathe topless.
- Thais are quite respectful of Westerners and some may try their English on you. Don't be offended by questions about your age, salary and marital status; they don't mean to be intrusive.
- "Sanuk" is a Thai word describing every thing that is fun, enjoyable and gives pleasure. This is often combined with the phrase "mai pen rai" (never mind).
- Keep your voice at a moderate level always. Never shout or speak loudly as Thais are usually very quiet, polite people and they regard a loud voice as ill-mannered. ■



Time/Telephone

Thailand Time Standard Time is 7 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+7) and it does not operate Daylight-Saving Time.

The international dialing code for Thailand is +66. ■



Calendar

The Thai solar calendar, Suriyakati (Thai: สุริยคติ), has been the official and prevalent calendar in Thailand since it was adopted by King Chulalongkorn in 1888, although the Western calendar year is sometimes used in business, and quite often in banking. ■



Money Exchange/ATM/Credit Card

It may be best to not bother to carry too much money into Thailand, or even carry on you while travelling around within Thailand, because you can get Thai baht from the ATM machines using your major credit card, even in many small towns around Thailand. The exchange rate is automatic and roughly as good as you'll find. MasterCard and Visa are most commonly accepted, but other kinds of major credit cards are commonly accepted as well. Some carry a sizeable surcharge per withdrawal, e.g., \$1, so check with your credit card company beforehand if this is bothersome to you.

There are also Currency Exchange outlets,

particularly in tourist areas. These are especially useful if you forget your PIN number or if you can't find a working ATM's near you which will accept your particular card for some reason. You will need your passport.

If you lose your credit card or have other problems, you can reach the credit card companies in Bangkok at the following numbers.

MasterCard	02-260-8572
Visa	02-273-1199 or 02-273-7449
American Express	02-273-0022 or 02-273-0044
Diner's Club	02-238-3660



Drugs

Of course, doing drug-related activities in Thailand is illegal. What you may not know is that the drug laws here are very strict and with harsh penalties. A foreigner in possession of a small amount of marijuana might be lucky to be let off with a fine, but any other illegal drugs will probably put you into jail with a fine.

Drug trafficking can land you in jail for the rest of your life. Be careful of your possessions, especially when traveling. Do not carry any item for anyone, even for a favor, because they could have drugs hidden inside, and they could be using you as an unwitting drugs trafficker taking all the risk.

If someone wants to send something to another country, then they should use a courier service such as DHL (international) or EMS (domestic). Lock your luggage when not in use. Do not leave strangers with your luggage.

Be careful who you travel with. ■



Tipping

Among Thais, tipping is not practiced except perhaps leaving the loose change from a restaurant bill or rounding the taxi fair up to an even number. Depending on the service, 0-40 baht should be fine.

There is no reason to give a tip at all in an establishment that has a service charge, as that is supposed to be the tip.

While some local Thais who deal with foreigners hint or even ask for a tip, this is not a Thai culture, in fact, it is rude. The best thing to do in this situation is to smile and ignore it. ■



VAT refund

Most Thai goods include a 7 percent sales tax called VAT (Value Added Tax), which can be refunded to tourists. Tourists who buy goods from stores displaying a "Vat Refund for Tourists" sign will be able to claim VAT refund when leaving Thailand from an international airport. On the day of purchase, present your passport and ask the sales assistant at the store to complete the VAT Refund Application for Tourists form (P.P.10) and attach the original tax invoices to the form.

Each application form must show a value of goods of Bt2,000 or more. Before departure at the airport, present the items and the P.P.10 to customs officers for inspection before check-in. Luxury goods, such as jewelry, gold ornaments, watch, glasses and pen are inspected by the revenue officers at the VAT refund office at the departure lounge after passport control.

You can either present your claim to the revenue officers at the VAT refund counter or mail it back to the Revenue Department of Thailand or drop it into the box in front of the VAT Refund office. VAT refund only applies to goods taken out of Thailand with the traveler within 60 days from the date of purchase.

Goods must cost at least Bt5,000 including VAT and must have been bought from each supplier at the amount of at least Bt2,000 per day.

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Reasons why some VAT refunds are disapproved

- You carry a diplomatic passport and reside in Thailand.
- You are an airline crew member departing from Thailand on duty.
- Goods were not taken out of Thailand within 60 days from the date of purchase.
- The name or the passport number on the original tax invoice attached to the P.P. 10 is not yours.
- P.P. 10 was not prepared on the date of purchase.
- Original tax invoices were not attached to the P.P. 10.
- You did not carry the goods out of Thailand on the day of your departure.


- The quantity of goods shown in the P.P. 10 is
- Goods were taken out of Thailand without being inspected by customs officers or by revenue officers.
- Some of the tax invoices attached to the P.P. 10 were issued from a different store mentioned on the form.



Tourist Police

There are two kinds of police available to farangs:

- Tourist Police for the whole of Thailand, call tel. 1155 (free call from any phone) or 02-678-6800 in Bangkok.
- Regular police are everywhere, emergency number 191 or 123 (free call from any phone)

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03 ข้าวหมูแดง



สุกี้แห้ง 02



04 แกงเผ็ดเป็ดย่าง

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02 **Suki-Haeng**
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03 **Khao-Moo Daeng**
Steamed rice covered with barbecue red pork and thick gravy

04 **Kaeng-Phed-Ped Yang**
Red curry with roast duck and tomato



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Tom-kaa-gai

Spicy chicken with galangal in coconut milk soup.



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ORDER

05 **Kuay-Tiew-Lui-Suan**
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06 **Kuay-Tiew-Yen-Ta-Fo**
Noodle soup with red sauce,
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curdled blod

07 **Pla Muek-Nueng-Manao**
Steamed spicy and sour squid

08 **Kuay-Tiew-Kai**
Chicken noodle soup

09 **Pad-Pak-Ruam-Koong Sod**
Fried mixed vegetables with prawn

10 **Pla Nil-Thod-Kratiem**
Deep fried Nile Tilapia with fried
garlic



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09 ผัดผักรวม กุ้งสด



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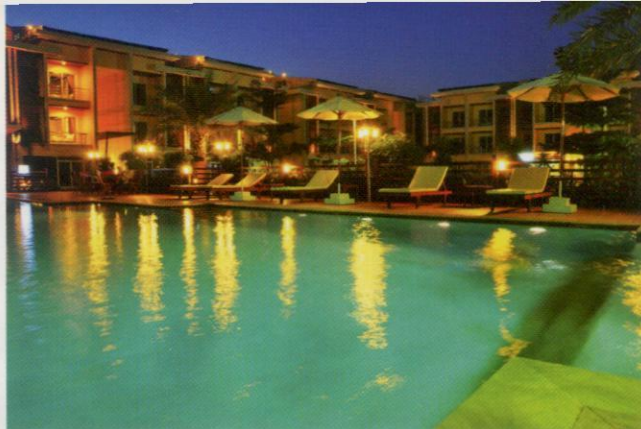


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BOONJUMNONG LUXURY APARTMENTS:

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By **PATRICK ROXAS**



FOR A NUMBER of reasons, the upscale Boonjumnonng Apartments on Chaweng Ring Road would be a good choice for picky Samui visitors and long-stay guests.

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An enterprising Samui native, Mr. Jumnonng, has been behind this new icon for modern living. When he started it, he had only one goal in mind, he says – to show the world Samui folks can also do something world-class.

Modern, high-end serviced apartments, according to him, are a new concept on the island. “I wanted to offer a new choice for short- and long-term guests and at the same time promote the image of Samui as a modern fashionable community” he explains.

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Hotel management firm Xen Hotels & Resorts said it will postpone its hotel project on Koh Samui for two years due to the economic downturn. The AKA Resort Samui project was due to start this year.

Michael Thomas, the company's

CEO and founder, said that Thailand's tourism industry would face hard times for at least two years, even other top destinations in Asia like Hong Kong have cut their

tourist-arrival projections.

Thomas said Xen now expects to manage 11 properties by last quarter of this year, down from the fifteen earlier projected. AKA currently operates four properties: AKA Hua Hin, Gutti Hua Hin, Xen Hideaway Kan- chanaburi and Xen Suites Bangkok. The average occupancy of AKA Hua Hin was 58 percent last year. The company hopes to raise the rate slightly this year.

"We hope to move our business forward this year. New marketing campaigns are crucial and we are also looking for new markets," he said. He cited India, China and Russia as new markets with growth potentials. Although Chinese travelers are sensitive to Thai political instability, Indians and Russians are less concerned, he said.

Thomas said Indian tourists were shifting from Pattaya and Bangkok to places such as Hua Hin, Chiangmai and Samui.

He added that Russian tourists love pool villas and good hotel facilities, staying at least two weeks without much concern about prices for as long as they like the facilities.



Designing your dream garden on the island

By PATRICK ROXAS

Dreaming of your own garden paradise? Samui Dream Gardens can help make your dream garden a reality.

This Thai-owned, Koh Samui-based landscaping company assists Samui homeowners plan their own garden paradise.

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To find Samui Dream, drive north from Chaweng Beach toward Choengmon Beach. Go straight past the left turn toward the airport and continue roughly 1.5 km. It is located on the left hand side of the road immediately after the sharp left turn in the road.

Sor Kor 1 worthless by 2010—Land Department

The Land Department will nullify Sor Kor 1, an old-type land possession title, within 2010 when the new law on land and property will be enforced. If those who still possess it do not register to ask for a proper land title deed, or chanot, their land will be expropriated by the state.

Department chief Chaireuk Ditthaamnat said the deadline for changing Sor Kor 1 to Chanot is February 6, 2010. He

also disclosed that the new law on land and property requires that land title deeds be registered.

The department plans to establish a system that can easily be used to prevent fake claims for land possession, which have been happening in tourist destinations like Koh Samui.

Koh Samui residents should visit the Koh Samui Land Office in Anghong subdistrict for more information.

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LAND MEASUREMENT IN THAILAND

A piece of land in Thailand is measured not in hectares or acres. They are measured in *rai*, *ngan* and *wah*. The smallest unit of measurement is equivalent to 4 square meters.

SQUARE WAH	SQ FEET	SQ METRE	NGAN	RAI	ACRES	HECTARES
1	43	4				
100	4,305	400	1	0.25	0.10	0.04
400	17,222	1,600	4	1	0.40	0.16
800	34,444	3,200	8	2	0.80	0.32
1,200	51,667	4,800	12	3	1.20	0.48
1,600	68,888	6,400	16	4	1.60	0.64
2,000	86,111	8,000	20	5	2.00	0.80
2,400	103,333	9,600	24	6	2.40	0.96
2,800	120,555	11,200	28	7	2.80	1.12
3,200	137,777	12,800	32	8	3.20	1.28
3,600	155,000	14,400	36	9	3.60	1.44
4,000	172,222	16,000	40	10	4.00	1.60
		32,000	80	20	8	3.20
		48,000	120	30	12	4.80
		64,000	160	40	16	6.40
		80,000	200	50	20	8.00
		96,000	240	60	24	9.60
		112,000	280	70	28	11.20
		128,000	320	80	32	12.80
		144,000	360	90	36	14.40
		160,000	400	100	40	16.00

QUICK REFERENCE

- 1 Rai = 4 Ngan (or 1,600 Sqm.)
- 1 Ngan = 100 Wah (or 400 Sqm.)
- 1 Wah = 4 Sqm.
- 1 Acre = 2.5 Rai (approx.)
- 1 Hectare = 6.25 Rai (approx.)

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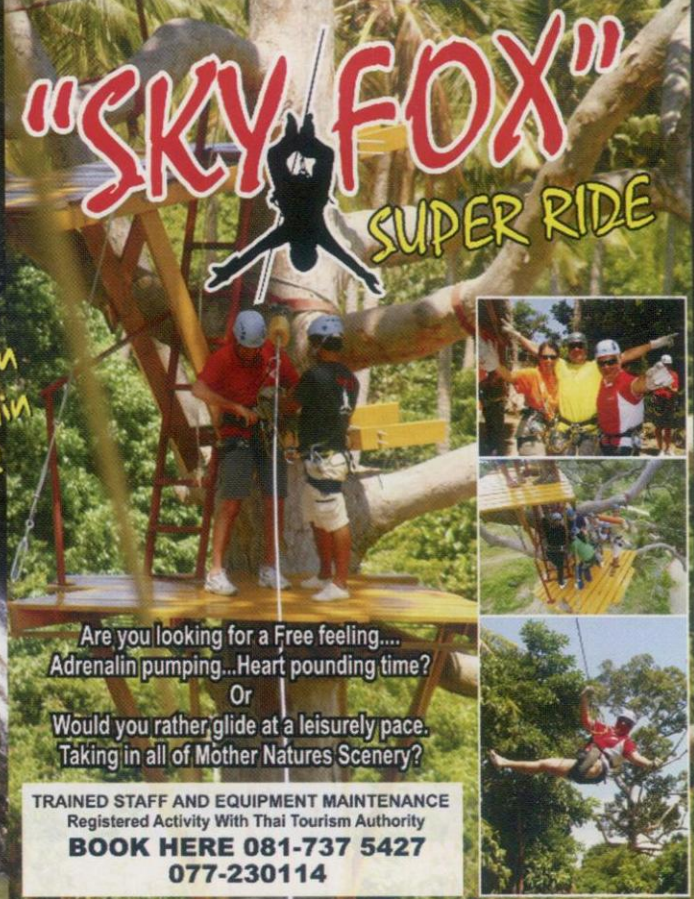
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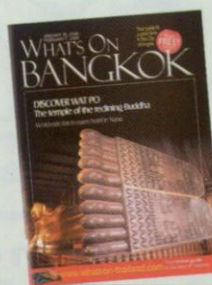
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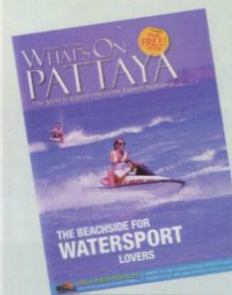
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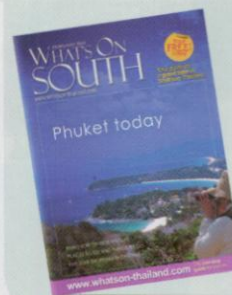
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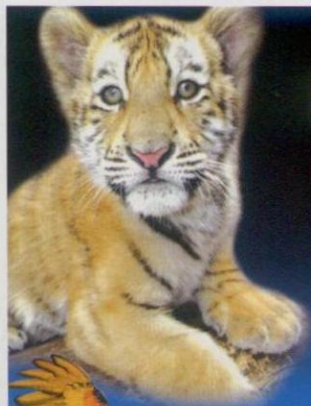
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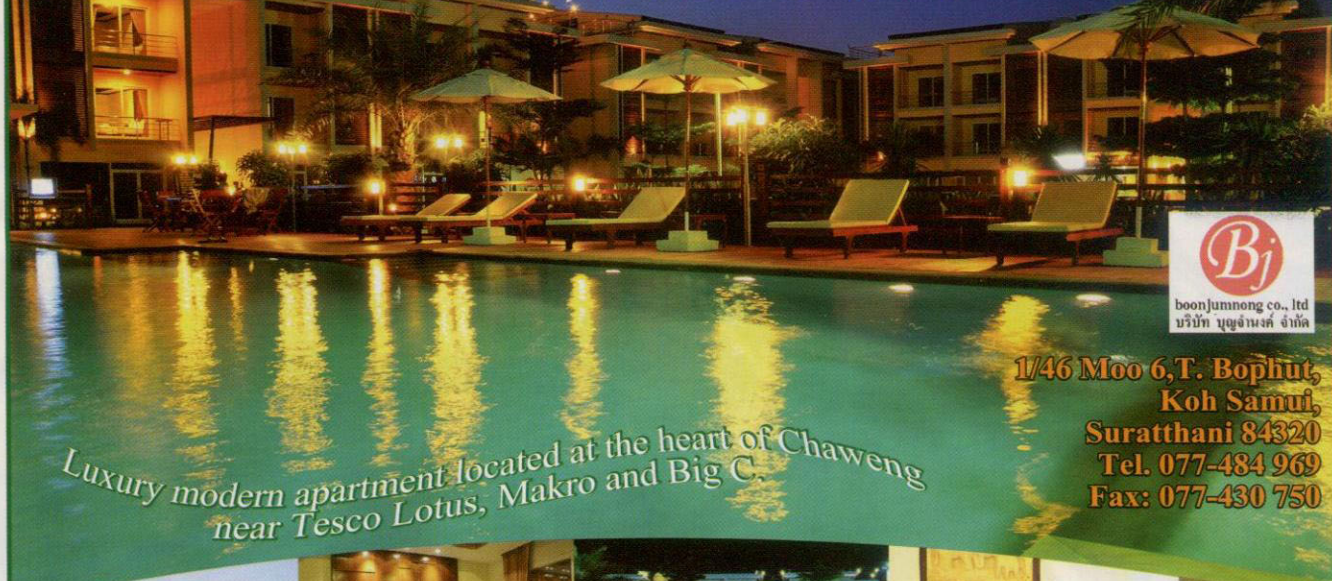
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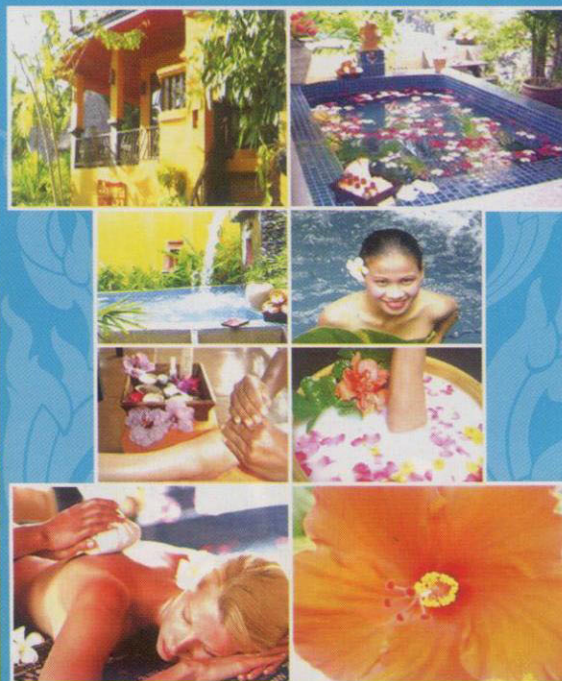


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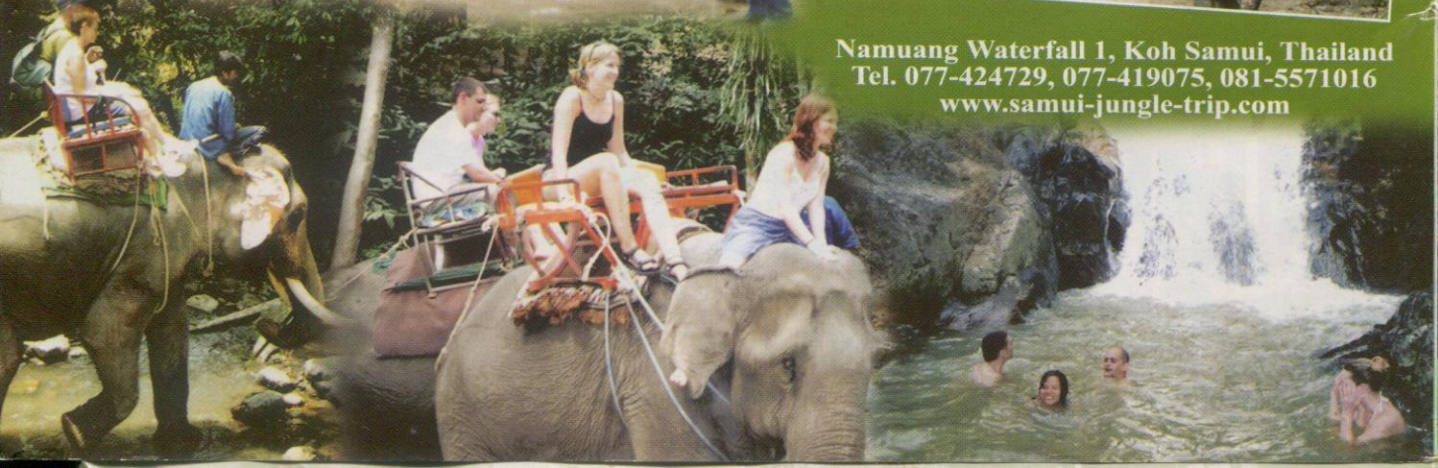
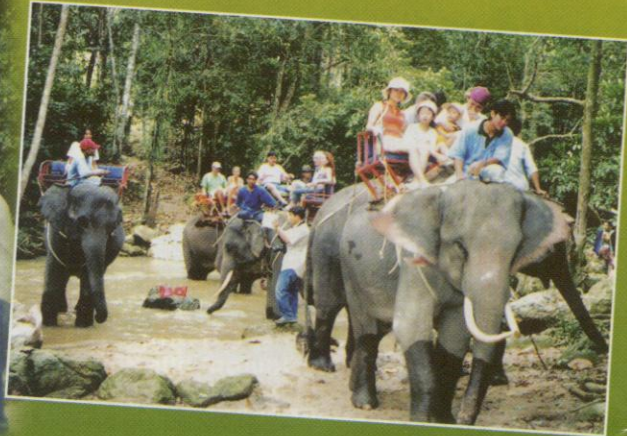
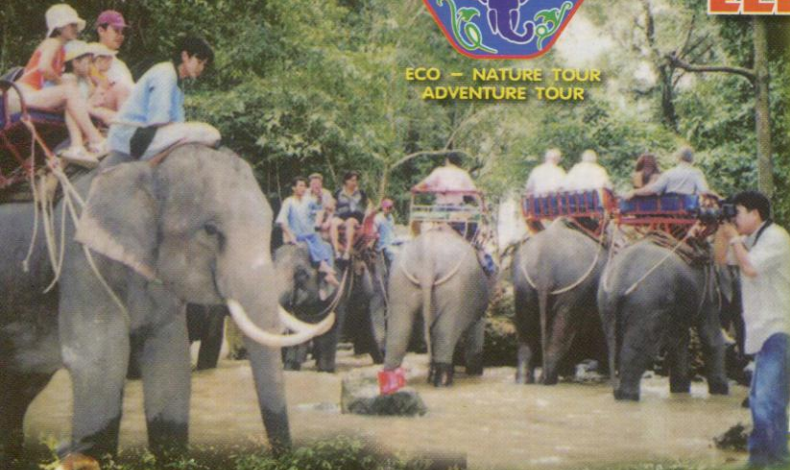
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